Number of Traffic Offenders Increasing in Torrance

PREP JOURNALISTS . . . Tartar students on the El Camino Campus during Press Day activities there last Friday line up between sessions. Left to right are Bill Robinson, Pat Duffy, Dorothy Hawkins, Verne Christofferson, Pat O'Gara, Lee Day, Bill Schipper, Bill Edwards, and Advisor Frank Rutherford. Lee Day won top honors in sports writing.

(Herald Photo)
SINNERS LISTED . . . Ernest Stout, chief clerk of the South Bay Municipal Court, looks over the huge file in which records are kept of all persons in the area who have received tickets during the past years. During the past year, some 28,843 persons got tickets for offenses ranging from speeding to drunk driving.

College Reveals Press Day News Award Winners

Winners in the four divisions of news writing at El Camino's annual Press Day last Friday were announced here yesterday by Steve Lescher, Press Day chairman.

Lee Day, Torrance High School student, won top honors over students from 12 high schools in the El Camino district, in the field of sports writing. Other honors in this field went to Jack Simpson, Morningside; Marilyn Reynold, Mira Costa, and Jim McFerson, Inglewood.

Top news writer in the student contest was George Stoneman of Mira Costa. Other top winners in the division included Roger Stanton, Redondo; Nancy Anderson, Mira Costa; Penny Gouty, Leuzinger; and Nancy Hull, Inglewood.

Editorial Awards

Editorial writing awards went to Jim Rydingsword, Lutheran High School; Richard Fones, Redondo; Liela Santor, North High; Wendy Bebout, Leuzinger; and Vickie Almeida, North High.

Feature writing honors went to Michael Sloan, Serra High; Rita Perry, Leuzinger; JoAnn Curry, El Segundo; Kathy Parker, Mira Costa, and Barbara Partsch, North High.

More than 150 students took part in the annual Press Day activities. Schools represented were Redondo, El Segundo, Mira Costa, Gardena, Serra, Lutheran, Torrance, Morningside, North High, Inglewood, Leuzinger, and Hawthorne High.

Seminars Held

Seminars on news, features, editorials, and sports were held during the morning, and a writing contest in the four fields conducted before a luncheon held in the Campus Center.

Judges were drawn from staffs of newspapers in the college district.

El Camino President Forrest G. Murdock greeted the visiting high school students at the luncheon, and a musical program was staged by the college music department.

Students Help

Assisting Lescher with the Press Day activities were J. P. VanEttinger, commissioner of publications; Anita Holmes, city editor of the Warwhoop; Tom Mills, sports editor; Don Henderson, advertising manager; Mrs. Oliva Diaz, business manager, and reporters Don Bishop, Jean McDowell, Mike Blum, Robert V. Crowe, Gary Fowler, Kees Odell, Ruth O. Sanford and Ron D. Terry.

W. A. Kamrath, journalism instructor at El Camino, was faculty advisor for the event.

Free License Granted

A free license to The Gospel Army, Inc., to solicit salvage material in Torrance was granted by the Council this week on the recommendation of License Inspector Gale Whitacre.

Mayor Proclaims April as Cancer Control Month

Cancer will strike one in every four Americans, according to present rates, thus endangering the lives of 21,391 citizens of Torrance.

This statement, issued today by Mayor Isen in asking the citizens of Torrance to observe April as Cancer Control month. He pointed out that one in every three persons struck by cancer now are being saved as a result of public education and improved treatment, and added that one in every two could be saved, if the warning signs of cancer were heeded and prompt action taken.

The American Cancer Society's year-round threefold program of education, research and service, he stated, is helping to increase the lifesaving figures and Cancer Crusaders this year will attempt to reach every home and business in Torrance with the lifesaving facts they should know.

(Herald Photo)
A TOOT ON THE FLUTE . . . Merlyn Wilde directs the members of the woodwind and percussion sections of the Torrance Unified School District Band which will appear in concert on April 26. A varied program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Wilde, Gordon Petrie, and Dick Baum.

Academy Award Honor Given to Torrance Firm

A Torrance firm, the Stewart-Trans-Lux Corp., was given an award for technical achievements at the Academy Awards presentation held last night at the RKO Pantages Theater in Hollywood.

The award was based on the firm's development of a new type of projection screen, which improves the quality of film photographed in the new wide-screen processes.

Proprietors of the plant, located at 1111 W. Sepulveda Blvd., are Roy Stewart, resident of Hollywood Riviera for the past 28 years, and his four sons, La Mar, Marshall, Clifford, and Patrick, all of whom live in Torrance.

The firm specializes in the manufacture of seamless projection screens. It has been active in supplying screens for movie and TV studios and for theaters in all parts of the world.

It's installation include those used in rocket ships at Disneyland, on luxury ships of the United States Lines, and in the Air Force Sage Program of streamlined defense against air attack.

Stewart-Trans-Lux also manufactured the world's largest screen for indoor theaters, and, in contrast, the smallest for electronic computing devices. It does custom screen manufacturing for many industries and public agencies.

(Herald Photo)
LOTS OF BRASS . . . Tuning up in readiness for the April 26 Elementary Grades Concert are these youngsters, rehearsing at Fern School under the direction of Gordon Petrie. Members of the District band are drawn from all schools in the district and meet once a month for rehearsals.

Torrance Nat. Little League Sets Practice

Additional try-outs will be held Saturday for the Torrance National Little League field at 9:30 a.m. at the Del Amo Little League field. Approximately 250 boys appeared for the first tryouts last week end.

All boys who have not presented their birth certificates are urged to do so at once to avoid any eligibility problems. Players who do not make the Major League will be in line for Minor League team positions.

Teams will have considerable time to practice as the first game of the season is not scheduled until May 4 when the Yankees clash with the Stars.

So You Received a Ticket? Here's What To Do With It

So you got a ticket?

After getting up late one morning, you step on the gas just a little more than usual to get to work on time.

Suddenly, you hear the wail of a siren behind you and a policeman on a motorcycle motions you over to the side of the road.

"Do you know how fast you were going?" he inquires.

You allow that you don't.

"You were going 40 in a 25-mile zone," the officer informs you, pulls out his pad and writes you a ticket. You sign the ticket, agreeing to appear in court before a certain date, and drive on to work, mumbling to yourself.

What Now?

What do you do now? It's going to cost you money, whatever happens.

You must appear in court on or before the date specified on the ticket. If you were arrested in this area, the court in this case is the South Bay Municipal Court, 1231 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach. Tickets cannot be paid at the police department in the city where you received the ticket.

Tickets can be paid through the Southern California Automobile Club, or if you are employed by one of the large industrial firms in the area, their welfare departments may handle them for you.

Must Pay Ticket

If you don't fall in any of these categories, then you must take the ticket to court yourself and pay it at the traffic window. You can mail it to the court, after checking on the amount that your particular offense will cost.

A schedule of fees has been set up by the court to save speeders and other minor offenders from going to court. Certain types of traffic violators are required to appear before a judge. These include persons with too many previous violations, drunk drivers, hit and run drivers, reckless drivers, and a few other types of less common offenses.

May Take to Court

If you feel you've been unfairly arrested, you have the right to take your case before one of the two South Bay municipal judges—Otto Willett or John A. Shidler. Of more than 28,000 persons arrested for all types of moving violations last year, 4454 appeared in court and 364 had court trials.

Many motorists who have been to court feel that justice doesn't always triumph. Only 70 of those who appeared before the local judges were acquitted or had their cases dismissed.

Judges hear a number of sad stories each day, as motorists recite reasons why they broke the law. What many of the story tellers don't seem to realize is that the judge may have heard the same story many times before. Although they aren't infallible, judges generally become pretty good at separating truth from fiction.

Fourth in State

The South Bay court has a volume of offenders exceeded only by three others in the state—Los Angeles, Oakland, and Long Beach. In the past year 28,843 persons were charged with various traffic violations—32,568 with parking violations, 1168 with drunk driving, 98 with driving without a license, and 86 with hit-and-run driving.

People who figure that they can ignore their tickets may find a surprise in store when they try to renew their driver's licenses. Under a new law, a new license cannot be issued as long as the applicant has a record of unpaid tickets.

The local court keeps a record of all traffic offenses for the past year in a huge circular file (not the waste basket variety) and uses this information for aid in determining the amount of fines.

A record of all traffic violations is kept in Sacramento, if they occurred anywhere in California. Persons who get too many tickets during one year will receive a warning from the state, and if their driving continues in the same pattern may lose their licenses. Anybody convicted of drunk driving also is subject to the loss of his license.

3905 LOCAL CHILDREN ON DOUBLE SESSION

Double sessions — the bugaboos of parents and educators alike—claim 2905 of the Torrance Unified School District's 18,955 students, according to a report presented to the Board of Education last Tuesday.

The opening of Parkway School in May is expected to reduce this figure by about 450 students and help the double session problem at Newton and Riviera Schools.

16 Schools Troubled

Sixteen of the district's 21 schools have children on double sessions, although at two schools—Casimiar and Flavian —these are only in one grade. Hardest hit by students are Arlington, with double sessions through the fifth grade, and Riviera, double sessioned through sixth grade.

Five schools—Anza, El Nido, Fern-Greenwood, Meadow Park, and Torrance Elementary—have no double sessions at all.

That the number of children pouring into the district is too fast for the school builders is indicated by the fact that Edison School, the latest addition, has 345 students doubled up, while Flavian has 64 students.

By grades, the number of youngsters on double sessions is:

First, 849, second, 1320; third, 1249; fourth, 203; fifth, 202; and sixth, 82.

By schools, the number is as follows:

Arlington, 406 (first through fifth); Carr 275 (first through third); Casimir, 66 (two classrooms, third grade); Crenshaw 125 (second and third grades); Edison, 345 (first through fourth); Flavian, 64, (third); Hillside, 230, (first through third); Madrona, 116 (second and third); Newton, 182 (second and third).

Perry, 229 (first and second); Riviera, 726 (first through sixth); Seaside, 453 (first through third) Sepulveda, 113 (second and third); Steele, 128 (second and third); Walteria, 233 (first through third); and Wood, 214 (first through third).

School officials are working on plans for several new schools at the present time and ordered architectural plans for one school Magruder, at 186th and Prairie Ave., drawn at the last meeting. Seven other schools are in various stages of planning.

Kindergarten Roundup Set

April 10, and May 17, will be kindergarten registration and pre-school health check-up days at Walteria School for children who will begin school next September. According to state law, a child must be five years of age on or before Dec. 2, to enroll in kindergarten next September. A birth certificate or other proof of child's age is necessary.

Interested parents are urged to call the school, DA [...] or drop by the school offi[...] 24456 Madison St., to [...] an appointment for school registration an[...] check-up.

Registration forms are available at the school at anytime.